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2023 NS Provincial Exhibition - August 21ST-24TH

By Maurice Rees

Just over a month ago it was learned the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition grounds will now be managed by the Rath Eastlink Community Centre. The future and dedicated management of the area icon has been in limbo since the provincial government took control of the facility nearly five years ago.

At one point the Municipality of Colchester under the direction of deceased former

mayor Bob Tailor attempted to take over the facility but were rebuffed by the government of the day. Direct management of the facility was left to then Agriculture Minister, Keith Colwell.

After an absence of over two years as a result of CoVid-19, new newly inducted RECC crew are scrambling to host the 2023 Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition, taking place from August 21st to 24th! The four day schedule if far from complete, but several exciting events

have been announced including the John Ross & Sons Demolition Derby on August 23rd at 7 pm (doors open at 5 pm). Admission is \$5 CASH only.

Car enthusiasts will be clamouring to attend the Show-n-Cruise night on August 24th at 6 pm, featuring classic and custom cars. It's free for spectators. No pre-registration required!

But that's not all! The 2023 Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition has much more in store for

visitors. Come and enjoy thrilling 4H competitions, the captivating Ox Pull, an adorable goat display, a wide selection of Food Trucks to indulge in, and much, much more.

There will be no midway at the exhibition this year. However, midway seekers and youth were still able to experience the fun and excitement at the always popular East Coast Amusements, which was held earlier in July at the Rath Eastlink Community Centre.

The full schedule of events will be released soon. For additional information on becoming a food vendor or exhibitor at the exhibition hall, details on

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FRONT PAGE BRIEFS

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Even though damage from Friday and Saturday's heavy rains, we have selected several flooding / damage photos supplied by Communications Nova Scotia. Most of the photos selected are presented on Pages 11 & 12, and possibly scattered through this issue.

The opening reception for a new exhibit The Every Child Matters Art exhibit is a collaboration of the Rug Hooking Guild of Nova Scotia and Mi'kmaq artists will be held at Fundy Geological Museum later today, Wednesday, July 26th. The new exhibit will continue until August 29th. Open daily 10am - 5pm as part of the museum's 30th anniversary celebrations.

A Community meeting with Tom Taggart, MLA will be held July 27 at Victoria Hall, Bass River, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

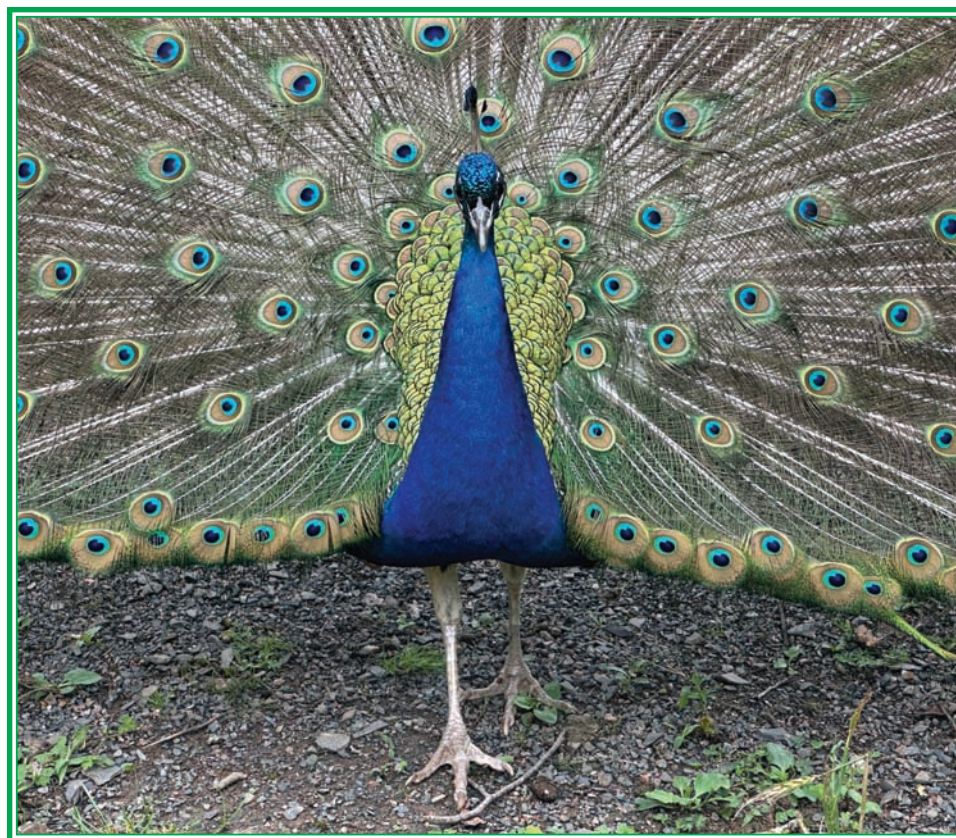
Veterans Memorial Park AGM is scheduled for Aug 21 at 6:00 pm at Victoria Hall, Bass River

The Canadian Forces Snowbirds Aerobatic Demonstration Team will be performing at Air Show Atlantic on August 26 and 27 in Debert, Nova Scotia. This will mark the first time the Snowbirds have performed at Air Show Atlantic since 2019.

Yard Sale at First United Church, Truro (Memorial Hall) Sept 9 at 9am. in support of the United Church Women

The Truro Chapter of the Seniors' College (www.thescans.org) is hosting a Public Presentation by Harry Thurston, well renown poet, journalist and author. In his presentation, "A Writer's Life in Nature", he will read from his various works and talk about the challenges we face as a society in this time of climate crisis and loss of biodiversity. Tuesday, September 19, 2023; 1:30 - 3:30 pm at the Truro Fire Hall, 165 Victoria Street, Truro. This Public Presentation is free of charge. All are welcome; we hope you will join us.

BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE - LAWN BOWLING 2023. Hosted by Cobequid Lawn Bowls Club will be held Sept 23. Theme for the event is "Battle of the Decades"! Dress up as your favourite decade! Email: tina.fisher@bigbrothersbigsisisters.ca with any questions!



The peacock was putting on a colourful show at The Dutchman's Farm in Lower Economy. A lovely place to take the kids this summer.

UPDATE: Debert Housing Project

On June 8th Council committee received an update on the Debert Housing Project with a Director's Report which included input from Jenn Mantin, Paul Smith, Michelle Boudreau and newly appointed Interim CAO, Scott Fraser.

In order to provide Council Committee with an update on the Debert Housing Project the Colchester staff provided a background to the initiative.

In April 2023, the Municipality issued a general request for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the development of residential housing on roughly 40 acres of vacant land on Hudson Street in Debert (PID 20445268). The EOI was intended to gauge interest from development stakeholders and have them propose various options to develop affordable, attainable and market housing.

The EOI directed applicants to submit proposals that aligned with the Debert Residential Concept Design Study, completed by Fathom Studio in 2022. The concept proposed 5 multi unit buildings, 94 townhouse units, 66 single family units, allowing for a total of 528 housing units on the 40-acre property.

Renderings from the Debert Residential Concept Design Study were included in the submissions.

The evaluation of the EOI

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Millbrook RCMP Charge Two in Stabbing Incident

Millbrook RCMP has charged two men after a stabbing occurred on Willow St. in Millbrook. On June 19, 2023, at approximately 4:20 p.m., Millbrook RCMP responded to a reported stabbing on Willow St. in Millbrook. RCMP officers learned a 29-year-old man had been at a gas station on Willow St. when he interacted with two men in a gold coloured van. The passenger, a 28-year-old man, exited the van and stabbed the 29-year-old man. The suspect got back into the van and fled the scene.

RCMP officers met with the victim at the hospital to obtain further details about what had occurred. The victim advised the suspect was known to him as was the driver of the van. Officers also learned that the victim had suffered moderate injuries as a result of the stabbing.

At approximately 6:55 p.m., RCMP officers learned that the two men in the van were now driving a red Honda Civic and were following the victim who was on his way home. Millbrook RCMP, with assistance from Colchester County District RCMP, began making patrols for the Civic.

While conducting patrols, a 911 call was re-

ceived that a firearm had been pointed at the victim from the Civic. Assistance was immediately requested from the Truro Police Service as the vehicle was believed to be around the Truro area.

At approximately 7:15 p.m., the Civic was located on Willow St. and a high-risk takedown was conducted by members of the Millbrook RCMP, Colchester County District RCMP and Truro Police Service. Three people were found in the vehicle and all were safely arrested. RCMP officers located and seized a loaded rifle, a knife and ammunition in the vehicle.

Quinn Googoo, 28, and Aric Martin, 34, both of Millbrook, have been jointly charged with Aggravated Assault, Pointing a Firearm and Possession of a Weapon for a Dangerous Purpose. Both were held in custody and will appear in Truro Provincial Court today.

The third person who was in the vehicle, a 29-year-old woman, was later released on conditions. She will be facing a charge of Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm in a Motor Vehicle and will appear in court at a later date.

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